

Two shot dead in separate attacks following disputes

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OAKLAND — Two people were gunned down in Oakland this weekend during separate shotgun attacks that were initially sparked by arguments, authorities said Sunday.

Mauricio Gonzalez Zayes and Nikita Davis, both 25, were killed during unrelated shootings in the city, Oakland police and Alameda County coroner's spokesmen said.

Zayes, a Hayward resident, went to his old home in the 2200 block of East 23rd Avenue late Saturday afternoon to visit his sister, who still lives at the house, Oakland police Sgt. Bill Wallace said.

Zayes and his sister's boyfriend, Jaime Cuadra, began drinking and arguing, according to police reports.

"Apparently the victim didn't like the way the suspect treated his sister and the suspect didn't like him getting involved in his life," Wallace said. "It was a quick argument, with the victim hitting or

slapping the suspect in the face.

"They had argued before and both had tempers. This time the suspect went too far."

The dispute concluded with Cuadra getting a shotgun and killing Zayes on the front doorstep shortly before 7:30 p.m., according to police reports.

Earlier on Saturday, Valin Pennewell was arrested for killing Davis in their West Oakland neighborhood, police said. The two were arguing at Pennewell's home in the 3000 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Way over the quantity of drugs to be exchanged during their deal, Wallace said.

It remained unclear whether Davis was the buyer or seller, Wallace added. After the shooting, police surrounded the area and Pennewell was arrested four hours later, according to authorities.

Both Pennewell and Cuadra were in police custody Sunday and held with no bail at the Oakland jail. The killings were Oakland's 77th and 78th homicides of this year.